

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

The Special Council Meeting of the Council of the County of Kaua'i was called to order by Council Vice Chair Ross Kagawa at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 8:53 a.m., after which the following members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable Gary L. Hooser
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro
Honorable KipuKai Kuali'i
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura
Honorable Ross Kagawa

Excused: Honorable Mel Rapozo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Councilmember Kuali'i moved for approval of the agenda as circulated, seconded by Councilmember Chock, and carried by a vote of 6:0:1 (*Council Chair Rapozo was excused*).

INTERVIEW:

1. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

- Cheryl A. Stiglmeier – Term ending 12/31/2015

Council Vice Chair Kagawa: Hi, Cheryl. Could you please state your name? You may also make a brief statement. If not, we will just have questions.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended:

CHERYL A. STIGLMEIER: *Aloha* and good morning, Councilmembers. Thank you for allowing me to be here. I am here to interview for a position on the Charter Review Commission. I look forward to possibly being able to work with all of you.

Council Vice Chair Kagawa: Are there any questions, Members?
Councilmember Chock.

Councilmember Chock: I do not have any questions. I just want to thank Cheryl for her service. We definitely need some "*wahine* power" on the Charter Review Commission, so thank you for stepping up and creating a balance on that Commission. Thank you.

Council Vice Chair Kagawa: Councilmember Yukimura.

Councilmember Yukimura: Good morning. Especially for the public's information, can you give us a little bit of your background?

Ms. Stiglmeier: Absolutely. For my educational background, I am a Social Worker. I am licensed and have a Masters Degree in Social Work. I have a whole array of experience like working with individuals who are victims of domestic violence, and sex assault. I have worked with at-risk youth. I have also worked in homecare as a director for a homecare agency that is on island. I am currently a Training Coordinator at Kaua'i Community College (KCC) with the Office of Continuing Education.

Councilmember Yukimura: What makes you interested in this job?

Ms. Stiglmeier: In the past few years, I have served with the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce. I have been able to work with so many of our community members and just be here, be present, be able to hear what some of our community and businesses' concerns are, and being a part of what our government does and making sure that if we are looking at being progressive, that the changes that we are looking to make, we are doing so in a fiscally responsible manner.

Councilmember Yukimura: That is great. Like the Constitution is to the United States, the Charter is to the County, it sets the basic, broad outline for governance on this island. There are some people who say, and they have been on the Charter Commission, "Let the people decide," and they just put whatever is proposed on the ballot. What do you think is the role of the Charter Commission with respect to what gets on the ballot?

Ms. Stiglmeier: Again, as I said, I think that progress is important, but that being said, it is also important to make sure that if we are looking at changes, that the changes are responsible. We need to be able to make sure that things are not going to cost our government extensive amounts of money. With that being said, it is also important to hear our community and hear what it is that they feel is important because the community— when I say "they," it is "our community."

Councilmember Yukimura: Yes. Good. I am glad you are conscious about costs and expenditures, and I am glad to hear the other side of the equation in terms of needed services and addressing problems. For example, when we created the Parks Department, it increased the budget of the County, and yet I believe to this day, that that was the right thing to do because I saw Parks being shunned aside when it was a division of Public Works, and it did not get the focus that it deserves and needs, especially in terms of the services that the people of Kaua'i need. I see the Commission as a "gatekeeper" to make sure that whatever goes on the ballot has been fully vetted, thought through, and is the best way to propose a change because Charter changes are difficult to make. It is not like coming to this Council and just getting something changed. Very good. Thank you. I appreciate your willingness to serve. It takes some time and effort.

Ms. Stiglmeier: You are very welcome.

Council Vice Chair Kagawa: Councilmember Hooser.

Councilmember Hooser: Good morning. Thank you again for being willing to serve. It is a commitment that I know you will take seriously. It takes a lot of time, so thank you for being willing to put yourself out there. Also, it may involve at times a certain amount of public scrutiny that people may or may not like

the decisions that you make. Again, I applaud you. There are three (3) issues that have been on the forefront in recent times before the Charter Review Commission: one is the issue of districts for Councilmembers; another is the issue of the City and County manager model; and the other is changing the threshold of the amount of signatures that you need for citizens to put things on the ballot. Do you have thoughts on these that you can share with us?

Ms. Stiglmeier: I have my own personal thoughts. Again, I think that if I am going to step into this role, for me it would be important to look at everything as a whole; the whole totality of everything, and how it would affect our community. Again, any changes are going to affect how we operate, how the government operates, and how the community will go about their business. At this time, I would need to really just look at everything as a whole. I do not think that I am in a position at this point to give an opinion on it.

Councilmember Hooser: I understand. Thank you.

Council Vice Chair Kagawa: Councilmember Kualii.

Councilmember Kualii: Hi, Cheryl. I just really wanted to say thank you for your willingness to step up and serve the County in this very important way. As a Council, I think our most important job is the budget. For me, two (2) of the Commissions that I think have a big role to play in helping us with that is the Salary Commission and the Charter Review Commission. I cannot thank you enough and I see that you are well-qualified and I know that you have a good temperament and that you will be a good public servant for us. Thank you so much.

Ms. Stiglmeier: Thank you.

Council Vice Chair Kagawa: Are there any more questions for Cheryl? If not, I too, would like to thank you for stepping up and being willing to serve in this very important and tough position. With that, next week we will be voting on your appointment and I will be supporting it. Thank you.

Ms. Stiglmeier: Thank you.

Council Vice Chair Kagawa: Would anybody from the public wish to speak on this? Mr. Francisco. Thank you, Cheryl. Please state your name, Randy. You may begin.

RANDY FRANCISCO: Aloha. Randy Francisco, Kauai Chamber of Commerce. I am a Hanapēpē resident. I wanted to speak on behalf of Cheryl Stiglmeier who I got to know when she first became involved with the Chamber. At the time, she became involved when we were just in my second year as President and undergoing some significant issues and challenges. One of the things that I always appreciated was her willingness to not be a silo; to be as inclusive as possible and take into account the different opinions of our organization's members, whether she agreed or disagreed. What I had asked her was for me as President, it is important that I try to see both sides, especially the ones who are so strong about why they agree or disagree about an issue. I believe she has carried that when she became Chair of the Board last year. To that end, I think that her nomination and appointment is a good thing for everybody. I do especially appreciate the fact that she comes from, as you heard, social justice. One of my big efforts in my career in the university has always been about social justice and the area of domestic

violence. I think that voice needs to be heard, not just on behalf of the business committee, but our *kuleana* as far as people of Kaua'i. I think she will be an excellent member on the Board, and I think in the end, the people of Kaua'i will benefit greatly. I just wanted to add my "fifty (50) cents" to that.

Council Vice Chair Kagawa: Thank you, Randy. Are there any questions for Randy? Seeing none, is there anybody else wishing to speak on Cheryl Stiglmeier's appointment? Seeing none, this interview process is done. Thank you.

There being no objections, the meeting was called to order, and proceeded as follows:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RICKY WATANABE
County Clerk

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